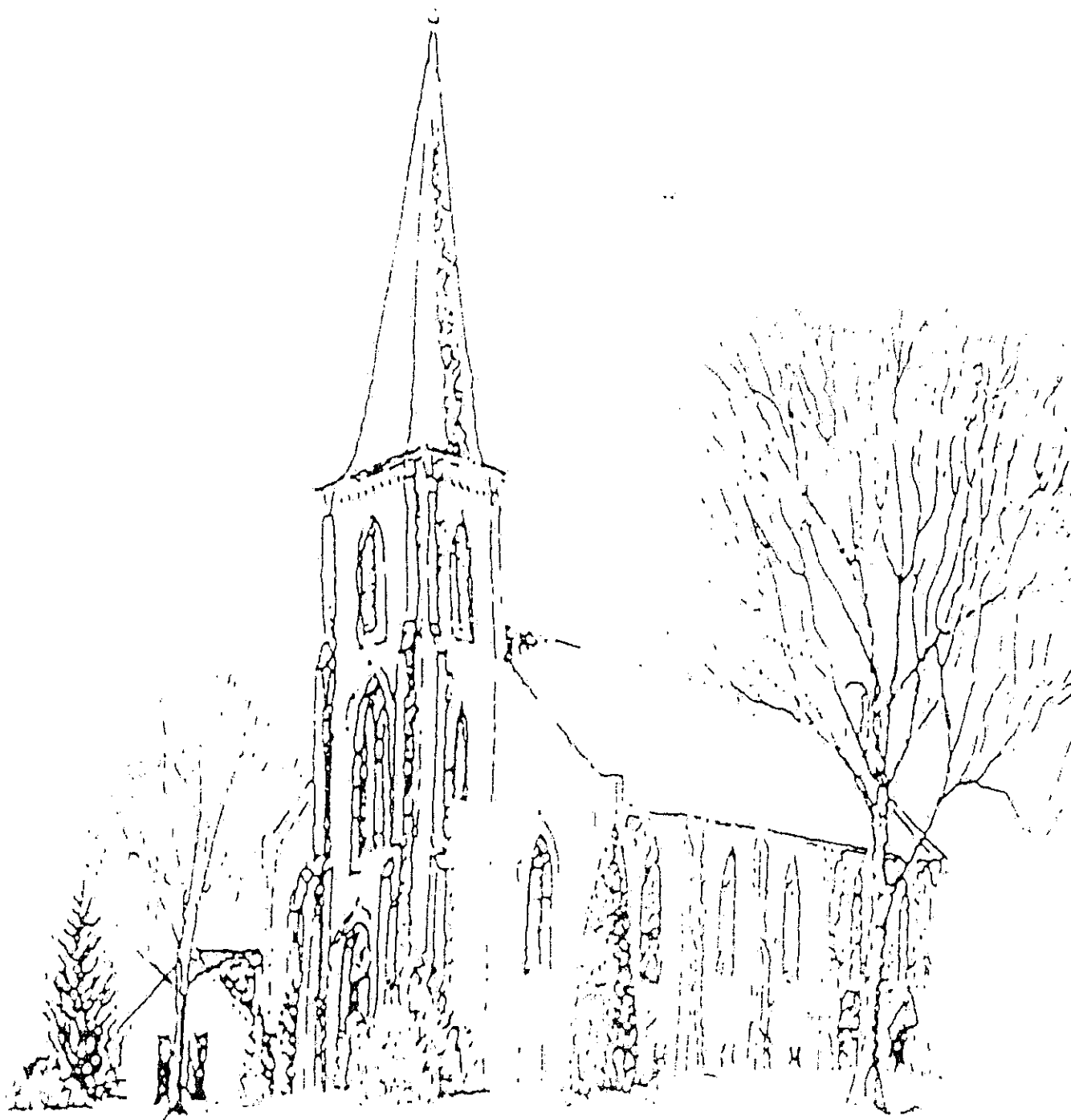


Columbus Community United Church



Annual Report - 2019

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2019 Annual Report
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Pastor's Note:

And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25:33-40

What a statement from Christ on how to get into heaven. This congregation has truly taken these words to heart and we are continually looking for ways to take care of the least. When I talk with people who have come here their comment is, "what a friendly church, just like one big family." It is all of that and more. This family of God keeps on looking for ways to reach out to the community around us and the broader community of those less fortunate than us.

Marcia and I have become part of a congregation that is never satisfied with just enough but is always looking for ways to do more. Columbus, as a community, has been blessed to be a beacon of Christ's light shining through this congregation as a beacon of life in Christ.

As we look to the future and we are concerned about what will happen we must remember that the future is in God's hands not ours. We are called to be a witness and to witness in ways that makes God's world better. As a congregation you are doing that, so keep up the good work. Don't worry about the future, there is too much to take care of today and we need to do our part.

Our outreach to the women's shelter and the gifts we give at Christmas, and the sandwiches that are made for the homeless are just a few examples of the difference that this congregation makes to those less fortunate than us. As the passage above tells us, when we feed the poor, take care of the ill, and we give to the poor, we are giving to Christ the gifts His Father gave to us.

Do not give up, do not get frustrated, do not look for a reward but reach out with love of Christ and help bring joy to a person's heart because we have shown them that someone cares about them and is willing to share with them and treat them with the respect they deserve.

For the last many months we have been working with a Tri-church committee to develop a Tri-church ministry. We have run into a number of roadblocks. We are progressing slowly and it is obviously going to take longer than expected. The committee needs feedback on what we can do to bring these congregations together so we can work as a unified church from our own buildings. So talk to a member of the committee and talk amongst yourselves on ideas that would bring the three congregations together; to worship together, to do combined outreach programs and have fellowship together more regularly.

Marcia and I want to thank you for your love and care of us. We have been truly blessed by God, who brought us here to serve with this Christ-filled congregation.

The Reverend Richard Parker

CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL – REPORT

A wonderful year for our church as we continue to evolve and adapt to the changes stirring around us.

Many thanks to our members of Council for their dedication and determination to make decisions to enhance our church. Honourable mention to Joe Bondy and Glenn Smith for their exceptional efforts to install the new walkway and to light up Columbus with a digital sign. Additionally, Rick Gates and Dan Wilson have made an incredible effort battling our damaged septic system. I am pleased to say at the time of this writing, they have won!

Special thanks also to the acerbic Reverend Richard Parker, a blessing to our church, who brings a unique combination of maple syrup, grain alcohol, and cheek! We love you Reverend Richard, please continue to swing that verbal sword!

Our extended praise and appreciation to Mary Bellinger for her efforts on our website.

Our choir continues to shine and warm hearts! Thanks John Nesbitt, for jumping into the mix!

Laura Martin has kindly agreed to become our Sunday school teacher with assistance from Dawn Davy McDougall, as required.

The UCW, Mission and Service and Men's Breakfast teams continue to set the tone for dedication and commitment with their consistent effort to contribute to our church and the community at large.

Thanks to Mary Chapman for stepping in to support us as we search for a new church custodian.

Finances have always been a challenge and we have made strides among many issues, but the challenges continue. We will need to roll up our sleeves and be diligent in the coming year.

As in previous years, we remember the dear souls who have left us to rest in with our Heavenly Father. Loved but not forgotten are Harold Davey, Laurie McCulloch and Metro Lucyk. Our hearts go out to Maria Davey and Elspeth McCulloch, and also the Ballard and Lucyk families in their bereavement.

Something is abuzz in the church, I can feel it! Thanks to Judy Gates, we held a free Christmas dinner for those in need in the community. All congregation members jumped in to contribute with food donations, their time, labour, transportation, and love. It was a wonderful evening with many special moments that appears to have flipped a switch of sorts. Some women from the women's shelter have returned to church on Sunday mornings, bringing their children, and a swath of optimism has remained. Our next free dinner is March 28. Let's rise to the occasion again and do God's will!

In closing, my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the entire congregation, you are the pulse of our church and I know your wonderful spirits will carry us forward in 2020! God Bless.

Ian McDougall
Chairperson

In Memoriam - 2019

Metro Lucyk

May 20

Harold Davey

August 17

Laurie McCulloch

September 22

THE DASH

*I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.
He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.
To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.
So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?*

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Statistics – 2019

Number of Marriages	3
Number of Baptisms Infant	3
Number of Baptisms Adult	0
Number of Funerals or Memorial Services	3

Membership Statistics

Adherents and Members at December 31, 2018	88
Received	0
Transferred Out	1
Diane Lambert	
Removed by Death	3
Metro Lucyk	
Harold Davey	
Laurie McCulloch	
Members	76
Adherents	15
Adherents and Members at December 31, 2019	91

MEMBERSHIP AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Diane Rennie

The Membership Roll has seen a loss in membership of three members by death and one transfer of membership to another church.

Diane Rennie
Chairperson

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Joe Bondy
Rick Gates

Paul Chapman
Ross Wetherup

Diane Rennie

Another year has passed and we are still standing. Thanks to the leadership of Ross Wetherup, the Ministry and Personnel contracts are in place but, due to other responsibilities and travel, Ross has asked me to Chair Ministry and Personnel until a new Chair can be elected.

Our custodian, Sharon Bertrand, has recently resigned her position. Sharon has been with us for a number of years, never complaining, and faithfully completing her duties. We are thankful for her dedication to our church.

We are accepting application for this position. In the interim, Mary Chapman has agreed to carry out the duties of custodian.

Rick Gates
Chairperson

BUILDING REPAIRS, PROPERTY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Rick Gates

Dan Wilson

2019 was a busy year.

A new steel roof was installed.

Laying of a cement walkway by Weisflock Construction.

Thanks to Glenn Smith for his coordinating efforts regarding this project.

Kitchen fire door entrance rebuilt to better accommodate the operation of the stair chair.

The piano in the basement auditorium was sold.

Replacement of two refrigerators with donated refrigerators from the Davey and Bondy families.

The church gardens were once again well-tended by the Chapmans, who also cleaned/refinished the floors in the basement auditorium and hallways.

Lawn care/snow removal was looked after by Steve LaForest and Liz and Jamie Anderson. We greatly appreciate their willingness to help look after the church grounds.

We currently have two stair chairs for sale.

A special thank you to all those who contribute their time and efforts to the ongoing upkeep of our church building. To a hope-filled New Year – 2020.

Dan Wilson
Chairperson

MEMORIAL FUND – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>RECEPITS:</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	
Bank balance Dec. 31/18	\$ 35,193.02	Bank balance Dec. 31/19	\$ 37,937.66
In Memoriam:			
Margaret Peddle	50.00		
Harold Davey	321.00		
Laurie McCulloch	<u>2,373.64</u>		
Total	\$ 37,937.66		\$ 37,937.66

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE – REPORT

Members:

Mary and Paul Chapman	Reverend Richard Parker	Mary June Smith	Mike Schofield
Rick and Judy Gates	Marcia Parker	Dawn and Ian McDougall	

Mission and Service at Columbus Community United Church is alive and well and looking forward to 2020 with vision and dedication of all our committee members and the congregation.

Our most ambitious and “outrageous” project was a full, sit down Christmas dinner for 40 people (single moms and their children and 3 single men). However, it would not have been possible without the help, love and encouragement of those who participated/contributed to this wonderful event. Many thanks to the hands that prepared turkeys, vegetables, pies, cupcakes and cookies; and for those whose hands helped serve, clean up and paint faces. The dinner was a great success filled with myriads of feel good moments, including a visit from Santa Clause!

Throughout the year several food drives for Feed the Need in Durham Region were organized and responded to unselfishly by all those within the congregation. Once again our Narthex was graced with a beautiful sleigh during the Christmas season which was quickly filled with White Gifts and toys for Simcoe Hall Settlement House. And the giving did not stop there! Gifts and food vouchers were purchased and provided to the 3 Christmas families chosen for our church. Many thanks to all those who helped shop for, wrap, and deliver these gifts.

Conerstone Men’s Hostel and Gate 3:16 each received 300 meal tickets purchased from St. Vincent’s Kitchen, The Refuge; a safe place for teens and young adults was gifted with \$300 for bus tickets (\$150 donated by the congregation and \$150 matched by Columbus Mission), and a donation of \$250 was given to Community Care to help bring Christmas to lonely seniors.

With help from the Good Times Club each of our community outreach programs was met with great success! The corn roast in August, pumpkin carving in October and gingerbread house decorating in November were all well attended and ran smoothly.

With thanks and blessings for this New Decade!

Judy Gates
Chairperson

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Bank balance Dec. 31/18	\$ 0
Envelope Donations	1,875.00
Quilt Raffle	<u>383.00</u>

Total \$ 2,258.00

EXPENDITURES:

Service Charges	\$ 27.15
Total Forwarded to General	
Office minus Service Charges	2,230.85
Bank balance Dec. 31/19	<u>0</u>

Total \$ 2,258.00

COLUMBUS MISSION FUND – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Bank balance Dec. 31/18	\$ 4,679.97
Envelope Donations	4,175.00
Whitby Little Theatre Tickets	120.00
White Gift	210.00
Sale of Sheet Music	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total \$ 10,684.97

EXPENDITURES:

Flowers for Betty Wilson	\$ 76.28
Christmas Family (2018)	250.00
Flowers for Rev. Richard & Marcia	56.49
The Refuge	150.00
Go Fund Me donation	500.00
Private School Appreciation Lunch	92.44
Backpack Program	330.75
St. Vincent's Kitchen	900.00
Community Gift Giving Program	250.00
Christmas Families	931.12
Community Dinner	219.40
Bank balance Dec. 31/19	<u>6,928.49</u>

Total \$ 10,684.97

SUNDAY SCHOOL – REPORT

With a slight influx of children the Sunday school at Columbus Community United Church has become active and we are extremely excited to see young faces on a more regular basis.

We remain ready to accept all children and youth to our fold.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:

Bank balance Dec. 31/18	\$ 2,857.74
Envelope Donations	<u>0</u>

Total \$ 2,857.74

EXPENDITURES:

Bank balance Dec. 31/19	2,857.74
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Total \$ 2,857.74

U.C.W. – REPORT

The women of the UCW did not have regular meetings during the 2019 calendar year due to a decline in numbers.

We helped host our Strawberry Supper, which was a wonderful success.

The women of the church will continue to be as active as possible and, with the help of everyone, we will represent our Church.

Donna Wilson & Judy Gates
Co-Presidents

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE – REPORT

I would like to thank Mary Bellinger for her dedication to the choir. Mary puts great effort into each Sunday and the music provided. The addition of Mary's guitar, flute, clarinet and drums is greatly appreciated by everyone. On behalf of us all, a huge, "thanks, Mary"!

Anthony continues to guide us each Sunday and his music ministry is a blessing.

Reverend Richard Parker is so very much appreciated by each one of us.

There were three Baptisms in our church during 2019.

Let us pray that 2020 finds growth in Columbus church as we gather each week to worship and fill our hearts with music.

Donna Wilson
Chairperson

SHARED MINISTRY WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE – REPORT

Attendees:

Darlene Peddle

Mary Bellinger

The Shared Ministry Worship and Music Committee meets 3 or 4 times per year and looks for input on “worship and music” related issues as they affect our three churches. Their findings are then reported to the “Discernment Committee” who then report to the three church councils. Shared Ministry and Music met twice in the fall of 2019.

Accomplishments:

World Wide Communion (at St. Stephen’s) on October 6th.

The three churches joined together with one mass choir and 3 ministers for one great celebration of Communion. All who attended loved it! - even baked bread the day before!

Blue Christmas (at Columbus) on December 21st.

This is the second year for this reflective service of prayer, memories, and comfort. The afternoon time slot (3:00 p.m.) was chosen for daylight driving and to avoid conflict with evening Christmas get-togethers.

Christmas Eve (at Northminster/St. Stephen’s).

Members had the choice of a Communion service at 3:00 p.m. at Northminster or a more family-oriented service at 7:00 p.m. at either church.

Sunday after Christmas (at Northminster).

Pulpit supply was provided on December 29th for a shared ministry service at Northminster. This was chosen for cost saving purposes as Reverend Sandra Farrow was off. Columbus helped contribute half the cost of pulpit supply for the service.

Looking forward:

- Those that have attended shared services generally loved the experience!
- Take baby steps. Not everyone is willing to go to services at the other churches. Parking and transportation issues were cited, as well as an unwillingness to “try” in some cases.
- Easter will allow for more shared services due to Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.
- Money can be saved when only one minister and organist require payment.
- Phone trees in each church would help with communications.
- Keep communications open. Share ideas, listen to others, and stay positive.

Mary Bellinger

COMMUNICATIONS – REPORT

Members:

Mary Bellinger
Diane Rennie
- and many helpers!

There was a great effort this year to improve communications within our church and around our community. Here are the highlights:

- New digital sign was purchased for our front lawn.
- Website www.columbusunitedchurch.ca was updated weekly. Check it out as often as you can! Take pictures at events and send them to mbellinger62@gmail.ca.
- All social and fundraising events for Columbus, Northminster, and St. Stephen's have been published in the weekly bulletins, as well as on the projector screen each week.
- Flyers have been posted in Raglan, Columbus, and Port Perry for many of our events. Port Perry is discouraging 8X10 inch posters on store windows. The better option is smaller take-away cards now.
- As a congregation, we have worked hard to spread our love, activities, and energy by word of mouth. Thank you to everyone who has helped to spread our messages out to the community!

Mary Bellinger

GOOD TIMES CLUB – REPORT

With a change in format over these past couple of years the Good Times Club has not been hosting the number of events as they have in the past. However, even with the change, 2018 saw a variety of events with great entertainment, food and fellowship. 2019 was a little less eventful and the main event for the Good Times Club was the corn roast in August. This event was well attended, making it a great success, as there was more than enough food and fellowship to make up for the lack of other events throughout the year.

Perhaps we will see a few more events in 2020!

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND – FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>RECEPITS:</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	
Bank balance Dec. 31/18	\$ 2,514.14		\$ 519.80
Envelope Donations	623.00		
Interest	<u>1.13</u>	Bank balance Dec. 31/19	<u>2,618.47</u>
Total	\$ 3,138.27		\$ 3,138.27

COLUMBUS UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2019

Minister	- The Reverend Richard Parker
Secretary	- Dawn Davy-McDougall (until May) - Darlene Peddle (beginning August)
Treasurer	- Diane Rennie
Finance	- Paul Chapman
Presbytery Representative	-
Chairperson	- Ian McDougall
Co-Chairperson	-
Past Chairperson	- Rick Gates
Chairperson – Ministry & Personnel	- Ross Wetherup (until April) - Rick Gates (beginning May)
Chairperson – Christian Education	-
Chairperson – Mission & Service	- Judy Gates
Chairperson – Finance	- Paul Chapman
Chairperson – Memorial, Building & Property	- Dan Wilson
Chairperson – Communications	- Mary Bellinger
Chairperson – Worship & Music	- Donna Wilson
Chairperson – Membership & Archives	- Diane Rennie
Treasurer – Trustees	- Doreen Bondy

Elected Members of Council

Doreen Bondy	Judy Gates	Glenn Smith (until August)
Joe Bondy	Rick Gates	Mary June Smith (until August)
Mary Bellinger	Ian McDougall	Ross Wetherup
Mary Chapman	Joni Patterson (until August)	Dan Wilson
Paul Chapman	Mike Schofield	

TRUSTEES – 2019

Chairperson –

Secretary – Mary Bellinger

Treasurer – Doreen Bondy

Members

Mary Bellinger, Doreen Bondy, Lorne Goodman, Ian McDougall, The Reverend Richard Parker, Glenn Smith (now retired), Ross Wetherup.

The Trustees have met on three occasions this year.

The Reverend Richard Parker asked Mark Puckrin for a property appraisal to ensure that we have adequate insurance coverage. Our property is worth \$340,000 - \$360,000, and that is largely for the land. The building is not easily rezoned because the city has considered us to be a "heritage" building.

We should really do an inventory of all of our church possessions... just in case.

We have given \$50,000 to the Columbus Community United Church general fund this year to help pay for our new digital sign, the replacement sidewalk, the new roof, and the improved stair chair.

Susan Taptelis, our BMO Nesbitt Burns financial advisor, helped us to sell a couple of investments in order to garner a bit more interest in our future investments.

Mary Bellinger
Secretary

TRUSTEE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT: December 31, 2019

Cash Balances:		01/01/2019					Amount
RBC- \$63,089.12							\$63,089.12
Income							
Interest and Dividend Income		(includes Manu Life Trust call 31/		\$19,113.56			
Bequest from estate of Beverly Phillips				\$1,000.00			
RBC matured GIC		06-May-19		\$50,000.00			
Total		31/12/2019)		\$70,113.56	\$70,113.56		
Living Allowance							
\$133,202.68							
Less Expenditures:							
Bank Charges RBC				\$20.22			
Columbus United Church (building and Memorial)				\$50,000.00			
Total							
\$50,020.22							
\$50,020.22							
Cash Balances:							
RBC- \$83,182.46						\$83,182.46	
Nesbitt Burns Cash Balances :							
Account #1 Living Allowance		(includes Manu Life Trust Call) of 31/12/2019)		\$27,969.77	\$27,969.77		
Account #2 Building, Memorials and Bequests				\$5,664.13	\$5,664.13		
Total Cash Balance				\$33,633.90	\$116,816.36		
Transactions Nesbitt Burns							
Account #1		Living Allowance					
06/09/2019	Sold 27,000 Brookfield Asset Mgmt shares			\$29,362.15			
06/09/2019	Sold 1,300.00 Great West Life shares			\$29,311.18			
06/09/2019	Sold 1,000 Power Financial Corp			\$21,162.50			
10/09/2019	Bought 1,000 Power Financial Corp			\$26,516.50			
06/09/2019	Bought 1,000 Pembina Pipeline Corp			\$26,196.00			
06/09/2019	Bought 1,200 Brookfield Infrastrucure			\$26,630.00			
Account #1		Living Allowance					
Principal Amount	Type	Coupon %	Maturity Date	Cost	Estimated Market Value*	Expected Annual Income	
27000	Citigroup Inc	4.09	09/06/2025	\$28,944.00	\$28,313.36	\$1,104.00	
37000	Royal Bank	3.45	29/09/2026	\$37,514.30	\$37,695.93	\$1,277.00	
39000	Bank Of Nova Scotia	2.58	30/03/2027	\$37,455.60	\$39,122.27	\$1,006.00	
1000 Units	Pembina Pipeline Corp			\$26,196.00	\$26,000.00	\$1,438.00	
1,200 Units	Brookfield Infrastructure			\$26,630.00	\$26,580.00	\$1,530.00	
1,000	Power Financial	6.00		26,516.50	25,480.00	1,500.00	
				\$183,256.40	\$183,191.56	\$7,855.00	
Transactions Nesbitt Burns							
Account #2		Memorial and Buildings					
06/09/2019	Sold 54,000 Broofield Mgmt			\$60,325.68			
06/09/2019	Sold 900 Greatwest Lifeco Inc			\$20,207.83			
06/09/2019	Sold 1,600 Power Financial Corp			\$34,220.00			
06/09/2019	Bought 1,200 Brookfield Infrastrucure			\$27,240.00			
06/09/2019	Bought 1,000 Great West Lifco Inc			\$26,179.00			
06/09/2019	Bought 1,200 Capital Power Corp			\$30,973.00			
10/09/2019	Bought 1,000 Power Financial Corp			\$26,516.50			
Account #2		Memorials and Buildings					
1,200 Units	Brookfield Infra Pai	5.00		\$27,240.00	\$27,960.00	\$1,500.00	
27,000	Enbridge Inc	4.40		\$56,274.99	\$44,820.00	\$3,002.00	
1,000 Units	Great West Life	5.90		\$26,179.00	\$25,850.00	\$1,475.00	
1,000 Units	Power Financial	6.00		\$26,516.50	\$25,480.00	\$1,500.00	
800 Units	Capital Power Corp	5.75		\$30,973.00	\$31,020.00	\$1,726.00	
\$167,183.49				\$167,183.49	\$155,130.00	\$9,203.00	
Total Investments: As Of December 31 ,2018							
				\$350,439.89	\$338,321.56	\$17,058.00	
Respectfully submitted by:							
Doreen Bondy: Treasurer Board of Trustees							

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH
REVENUE & EXPENSE STATEMENT
For The Period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Revenue

Opening Balance January 1, 2019		(\$262)
Church Operating Income		
Extension Council Reimbursement (Lakeridge Presbytery Grant)	\$7,625	
Local Offerings	\$44,296	
Visitor and Loose Offerings	\$2,804	
Weddings, candles	\$200	
Other Income		
.JOSS Foundation Grant		
.Special events	\$8,941	
.Small Business Job Credit		
.OPUC Credit Payment		
.Presbytery Assessment Rebate	\$407	
.Rent	\$23,095	
.GST Rebate		
.Special Gifts	\$195	
.Interest Earned	\$8	
Total Church Operating Income	\$87,571	
Trustees' contribution		\$50,000
Total Revenue		\$137,310

Church Operating Expenses

Communications	\$0	
Administrative	\$10,617	
Ministry & Personnel	\$79,237	
Property	\$60,892	
Worship & Music	\$1,675	
Total Church Operating Expenses	\$152,420	
Church Net Operating Income (Loss)		(\$15,111)

**Columbus Community United Church
Proposed 2020 Budget**

	2019 Budget	Actual to Dec 31	% Budget	2020 Budget
ESTIMATED OPERATING INCOME		\$137,571		\$138,947
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				
1.2 Sunday School	0			\$0
Subtotal				
FINANCE				
2.0 ADP Service Charge	\$301	\$306	102%	\$309
2.1 Oshawa Presbytery Assessment	\$2,243	\$2,176	97%	\$2,198
2.10 Bell Canada	\$1,600	\$1,554	97%	\$1,569
2.2 Sunday Bulletins	\$600	\$318	53%	\$321
2.3 Photocopy Service	\$1,940	\$1,036	53%	\$1,046
2.4 Office Supplies	\$173	\$191	110%	\$193
2.5 Offering Envelopes	\$361	\$304	84%	\$307
2.6 Postage	\$99	\$207	209%	\$209
2.8 Computer/Printers/Programs	\$1,200	\$1,219	102%	\$1,231
2.10 Miscellaneous	\$13	\$331	2468%	\$334
2.11 Archives	\$0	\$0		\$0
2.13 YardSale/Strawberry/Beef Sup	\$2,653	\$2,737	103%	\$2,765
2.15 Advertising	\$381	\$124	33%	\$126
2.17 Courses/Workshops	\$82	\$0	0%	\$0
Subtotal	\$11,647	\$10,503	90%	\$10,608
WORSHIP AND MUSIC				
3.1 Choir Music	\$141	\$141	100%	\$142
3.2 Guest Artists	\$418	\$450	108%	\$455
3.3 Organ/Piano Maintenance	\$23	\$0	0%	\$100
3.4 Pulpit Supply	\$1,000	\$736	74%	\$743
3.5 Worship Supplies	\$315	\$348	110%	\$352
Subtotal	\$1,898	\$1,675	88%	\$1,792
COMMUNICATIONS				
3.6 Communications	\$0	\$0		\$0
Subtotal				
PROPERTY				
4.1 Hydro and Gas	\$5,882	\$5,197	88%	\$5,249
4.2 Property Insurance	\$2,953	\$2,913	99%	\$2,942
4.3 Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,783	\$53,774	3017%	\$5,000
4.4 Grass and Snow Removal	\$0	\$0		\$0
4.5 Lease Agreement	\$5	\$5	97%	\$5
4.6 Church Security	\$531	\$528	99%	\$2,000
4.7 Custodial Supplies	\$605	\$455	75%	\$459
2.9 Chairlift	\$649	\$103	16%	\$680
Subtotal	\$11,760	\$62,872	535%	\$15,655
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL				
5.1 Minister's Salary	\$32,507	\$32,595	100%	\$35,398
5.11 Housing Allowance				\$0
5.12 Travel Allowance	\$0	\$0		\$0
5.13 Study Allowance	\$708	\$0	0%	\$0
5.14 Home Telephone	\$0	\$0		\$0
Sabbatical Leave	\$0	\$0		\$0
5.2 Secretarial Contract	\$26,070	\$26,065	100%	\$26,326
5.21 Secretarial Study Allowance	\$0	\$0		\$4,000
5.3 Organist Contract	\$9,094	\$9,509	105%	\$9,604
5.31 Organist Study Allowance	\$0	\$0		\$0
5.4 Custodial Contract	\$4,657	\$4,657	100%	\$4,703
5.5 UCC Pension/Insurance	\$4,128	\$3,910	95%	\$4,027
5.6 EI/CPP, Church Portion	\$2,518	\$2,502	99%	\$2,577
Subtotal	\$79,682	\$79,237	99%	\$86,634
Total Budget Info	\$104,986	\$154,286	147%	\$114,689

**Tri-Church Shared Ministry
Discernment Committee
Submission to Annual Reports**

Who are we and what are our goals?

The Discernment Committee was formed in late August of 2019. It consists of three representatives from each congregation along with the ministerial segment of each church. We have been in continual deliberation since that time, meeting once a week, involving frank and meaningful discussion. We were charged with the task of finding a way where, as a Tri-Church Ministry, we could continue as independent, vibrant and viable congregations for the foreseeable future. Can we find ways where we could cooperate and work with one another and yet have each church maintain its own individuality?

Why?

A study of our demographic character shows us why. All three congregations are getting older, diminishing in numbers and, while still hopeful, have little chance of bringing youth into our fold. As some of our friends leave us our resources to support our churches decreases leaving our financial situation critical. As seniors, with fixed income, it is difficult for us to increase our donations to make up the difference from lost resources. With the loss of our members the demand placed on the energies of those present increase and many are incapable of increasing their efforts to support the work expected us as Christians. As a Christian community, our efforts to support one another diminishes and lessens the value of a way of life we share.

Our Problems?

We have facilities to support and with age more pressures are placed on us through by-laws and code changes. It takes a greater portion of the budget to maintain the property. Our administrative costs are increasing. Our staff costs, which are a major portion of our budgets, are increasing and all the incidental costs of doing the work of the church will increase as well. All of this restricts our efforts to survive. Our own mind-sets, preventing us from accepting change and realizing the obvious facts before us, thwart our efforts to forestall the inevitable.

What have we done?

The Discernment Committee has forwarded many recommendations to each of the Church Councils for their consideration. We have had success in areas of shared ministry; we have achieved a small reduction of costs in our operations; there is a noticeable increase in our efforts to work together on projects and fund raising. Where working together previously was rather weak in effort, gauging the reactions of the Discernment

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Committee members, the attitude now is healthy and productive. For this we can thank the individual representatives on the committee and the ministers of each of the congregations.

Our Future?

If we can continue our efforts in some form of cooperation and unification our futures will no longer be in the short term but rather in a longer term. But we cannot be protective of our own *'comfort zones'*. We must accept some change in the way we are operating. Are we not all members of the same United Church of Canada? So, can we not be members of a welcoming entity under that umbrella? Can we not be a community of congregations or community of friends under that same umbrella? We at present do not seek a form of amalgamation but we seek a unification of efforts so we can exist and continue to do God's work.

1 Corinthians – 1:10 – Now I appeal to you, brothers and sister, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

Submitted to the Church Councils and Congregations of Columbus, Northminster and St. Stephen's.

W. H. Allen

Chair, Tri-Church Shared Ministry Discernment Committee

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List of Recommendations

The following is a list of recommendations agreed upon by the Discernment Committee to be forwarded to each Church Council and Congregation for their consideration and possible approval.

It is recommended that:

First Meeting

- **A common service be held at St. Stephens on World Wide Communion Sunday. The service to begin at 10:30 A.M.**
- **All common services will begin at 10:30 A.M.**
- **A recommendation be forwarded to the Joint Worship Committee to encourage frequent pulpit exchanges.**
- **A recommendation be forwarded to the Joint Worship Committee that they coordinate shared services for planned absences of a worship leader.**
- **It was the opinion of the Discernment Committee that Darlene Peddle, because of the logistics of her present duties and aims, could not manage the duties of the Office Administrator.**

Second Meeting

- **It is the recommendation of the Discernment Committee that we work on an arrangement where the structure of the Tri-Church Office of the Administrator be in one location and that all communications be arranged and designed to accommodate the functions of the Tri-Church.**
- **That a Job Description of Office Administrator be designed to suit a common location and meet the needs of all three churches.**

Third Meeting

- **We encourage the development of a Ministry Job Description that will utilize the strengths of each of the ministers in order to make their roles more effective in serving the congregations of the Tri-Church.**

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List of Recommendations – (continued)

Forth Meeting

- **A decision was made regarding a Tri-Church Remembrance Day service. Northminster and St. Stephen's will join together for a service at Northminster at 10:30 while Columbus will celebrate the day at Columbus.**

Fifth Meeting

- **Direction on the role of the Discernment Committee and the Faith Leaders and the process of decision making and communication with the other Tri-Church committees.**
 - a) **It is the role of the Discernment Committee to receive information and communication from other committees and Tri-Church membership, discuss, come to a consensus and forward recommendations to the Church Councils for their consideration and/or revisions.**
 - b) **To communicate back to the joint committees regarding our discussions and recommendations**
 - c) **To consider the guidance of our faith leaders according to our faith and within the concepts of the United Church of Canada.**
- **Recommendation to the Church Councils that 1) The Blue Christmas Service be a combined service at Columbus, 2) The early Christmas service (3:00 P.M.) to be held at Northminster and invite other congregations to attend and 3) The Christmas Eve (7:00 P.M.) service be individual (St. Stephen'/ Northminster) with others invited to attend.**

Sixth Meeting

- **Recognized that the cost sharing formula of 50MN/25Col/25St.S could be considered a way of sharing costs pending a review of the cost analysis. However, what costs that would entail has yet to be determined and would therefore affect the formula.**

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List of Recommendations – (continued)

Seventh Meeting

- **Subject to any changes in the costs of the Ministry and Administration of the formation of the Tri-Church structure the cost sharing formula was suggested to be Columbus 30%, Northminster 40%, and St. Stephen's 30%. All other costs, such as facility maintenance, will remain the responsibility of the individual churches.**
- **There will be an attempt, hopefully, in the future of conducting joint ventures in fund raising for individual causes.**

Eighth Meeting

- **Structure of the Joint M&P Committee was recommended to be formed for January 1st, 2020. There should be three representatives from each church, one of which will be chosen and placed on the committee by each of the three ministry personnel. This member will serve as a direct contact for the individual concerns of each minister.**
- **There was a suggestion that the cost sharing structure be changed and that Ministry costs be separated from Administrative costs and that a separate cost formula be developed to serve that purpose.**
- **It was recommended that White Gift Sunday be held individually at each church.**

Ninth Meeting

- **We recommend that a joint service be held on December 29th at Northminster Church and the pulpit fee be shared by the Tri-Church. (30/40/30) This is subject to each Church Council approval.**
- **It is recommended that on December 21st, 2019 at 3 P.M. a joint Blue Christmas service will be held at Columbus. Northminster will hold a shared Christmas eve service at 3 P.M. St. Stephen's and Northminster will hold their regular Christmas Eve service at 7 P.M. with an invitation to the Columbus congregation to join either service.**

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Ninth Meeting (continued)

- **It was recommended that pulpit sharing should be instituted in the New Year on a monthly basis with the schedule determined by the clergy. This is subject to each Church Council approval.**
- **Discussion on cost sharing, what is included and the formula, be continued at the next meeting.**

Tenth Meeting

- **We recommend that Option #2, issued on October 30th, 2019, be accepted as the main focus for cost sharing in our discussions but subject to possible revisions presented to the Discernment Committee from the Church Councils.**
- **It was recommended that the Joint Ministry and Personnel roster formed from the Tri-Church, be completed as soon as possible so operations can begin in January, 2020.**

Eleventh Meeting

- **It is recommended that the first recommendation (Cost Analysis, Option # 2) be held on hold, subject to future Discernment Committee decisions.**
- **It was determined that we consider the possibility of not including Joint Administration as part of the arrangement of Shared Ministry.**
- **It was suggested that we form a list of those aspects that should be included in the costs of shared ministry.**
- **It was recommended that we form a list of different ways we can assist each other in fundraising and planned events and the appointment of individuals to oversee the development and implementation of such projects.**

Twelfth Meeting

- **It is recommended that Discernment Committee meetings continue until December 4th, 2019 and restart on January 8th. 2020.**
- **It was recommended that we ask Steve Coles to assist in the training of the Joint M&P Committee in January of 2020**

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Thirteenth Meeting

- **It was decided to place on hold the formation of a Joint M&P Committee until later in the church year. The question of the need of a Joint Committee arose and we were reminded that although each individual church would deal with its own concerns the formation of a Joint M&P |Committee was to bring a consistency to the Tri-Church operations, training and the availability of sharing the role. Confidentiality remains a primary principle.**
- **It was decided to add alternative members to the committee to represent present members who will have extended absences. Alternative member designates will be kept informed of all discussions and decisions.**

Fourteenth Meeting

- **It was agreed that we identify a specific joint project, conduct some initial planning, involve a joint planning group and assist in implementing the project.**

Fifteenth Meeting

- **After the initial contact with the UIT representative it was agreed that we meet as a group to discuss the facility areas that would be made available to the University and College which would meet their needs.**
- **It was agreed that we would create a list of ministerial activity that would be presented to the Joint Worship Committee that we could create more shared endeavors.**

Sixteenth Meeting

- **It was recommended that new prepare some form of statement, communication, to the Church Councils for their Annual Reports explaining the role of the Discernment Committee, its goals, its importance and its recommendations regarding Tri-Church Ministry.**
- **It was decided that we would develop ‘Summer Festival, as our first joint project, develop the idea with capable volunteers from each of the churches and implement the project for the early summer of 2020.**

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Seventeen Meeting

- **It was recommended that the committee prepare an information paper that states the essence of our role in Tri-Church Ministry, the reason for our formation and hopefully, what are our goals. This paper would be forwarded to the church councils for their consideration to include the information sheet in their annual reports to their congregations.**

Eighteenth Meeting

- **It was recommended that, along with the information sheet, the committee should forward the list of recommendations created through our meetings to the church councils in order that they might consider including this list in their annual reports.**
- **It was recommended that from our list of shared projects that we form a committee to organize a common project, a 'summer festival', in which all churches will participate. The event will be held at Columbus United Church, the date and nature of the event to be determined.**

Columbus Church; Annual Meeting 2019

Rev. Richard Parker opened the meeting with a prayer.

Twenty-three members in attendance.

Mike Scholfield motioned that the Annual 2018 report be approved as adjusted. Joe Bondy 2nd.

Corrections from 2018 Report: Pg. 4- Membership Statistic- 1st line should read 2017

Pg. 11- website should say www.columbuschurch.ca

Pg. 11 -4th line "no church should be willing"

Pg. 12-Trustees report-delete amount-all "sold it at a profit"

Page 3- Rev. Richard gave a prayer for all those who have gone to be with the Lord, this past year.

Everyone was asked if there were any questions from the 2018 Report.

Pg. 6 Mission and Outreach Committee – Rev Richard expressed awe for the members of this outreach committee. Rev. Richard is very proud of the commitment of this committee. Faye Scholfield voiced that Judy Gates is the "guiding Light" of the committee and Rev. Richard added that with her guidance and encouragement from all the members, he is impressed with this "humble group"

Pg. 13- Trustees Financial Statement: Diane Rennie stated that there is a great group of people on this committee, who are doing a wonderful job.

Pg. 15-Proposed 2019 Budget: Rev. Richard mentioned that his salary had increased, with thanks. Mary Bellinger added that we are all lucky to have him as a Minister. Rev. Richard thanked Diane Rennie for her continued devotion and work re. this budget.

Joe Bondy brought the website to everyones attention and thanked Mary Bellinger for creating this website and Joe encouraged everyone to take a look at it. Mary works hard to keep this up to date. Rev. Richard thanked Mary for her continued support to Columbus Church.

Rev. Richard spoke of the importance of the Tri-Church committee and stated that is a benefit that we work together, for the future of our Churches. Solutions could be: 1-combine to one Church 2-combine to two Churches or stay three Churches and have one Minister.

Ron Lake spoke on the hope that this Church remains open as he has made a promise to continue coming to this Church.

Marlene Glass added that much of the land around here has been sold and will be developed in the future and it will be important to have a strong Church to support the Community.

Rev. Richard mentioned that anyone is welcome to attend a Council meeting, they will just not be able to vote.

Joe Bondy made a motion that this meeting be adjourned. Diane Rennie 2nd.

Rev. Richard ended the meeting with a prayer. Minutes-Donna Help from Mary Bellinger